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Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the note by the Secretary-General (A/53/109), the General Assembly is required, during its current session, to appoint a member of the Joint Inspection Unit to fill the vacancy that will arise from the expiration on 31 December 1999 of the term of office of Sumihiro Kuyama (Japan).

2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the President of the General Assembly, having held the necessary consultations, and on the basis of the candidate submitted by the Group of Asian States, requested Japan to propose a candidate (see annex).

3. The President of the General Assembly has held the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination. The replies received from the President of the Council and from the Secretary-General to identical letters addressed to them on 12 November 1998 by the President of the Assembly are attached (see annexes II and III).

4. Having completed the required consultations, the President of the General Assembly has the honour to submit to the Assembly the following candidate for appointment as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2000 and expiring on 31 December 2004:

Sumihiro Kuyama (Japan).

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Annex I

Letter dated 10 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

In view of the decision taken at the plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 26 October 1998, I would like to send the curriculum vitae of Mr. Sumihiro Kuyama, candidate of Japan to the Joint Inspection Unit, as attached.

(Signed) Yukio Satoh

Appendix

Sumihiro Kuyama

Date of birth: 10 October 1936

Nationality: Japanese

Education:

1957–1961	Tokyo University (Tokyo) B.A. Liberal Studies
1968–1970	Sophia University (Tokyo) M.A. International Relations/Administration

Employment record:

1 January 1995–present

Inspector, Joint Inspection Unit

Involved in preparation of the following reports:

1. "Travel in the United Nations: issues of efficiency and cost savings" (JIU/REP/95/10)	Co-author
2. "Strengthening of the United Nations system capacity for conflict prevention" (JIU/REP/95/13)	Coordinator
3. "Coordination of policy and programming frameworks for more effective development cooperation" (JIU/REP/96/3)	Coordinator
4. "United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates" (JIU/REP/97/2)	Coordinator
5. "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system" (in preparation)	Co-author
6. "Review of the United Nations University" (in preparation)	Coordinator
7. "Use of consultants and experts in the organizations of the United Nations system" (in preparation)	Co-author

1 September 1984–31 May 1993

Deputy Administrator
Assistant Secretary-General
United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

Duties

1. As Deputy to the Executive Director, wide range of general duties, including participation in many meetings and conferences on behalf of the Executive Director.

2. Fund-raising and fund management.

3. Coordinator, Global Parliamentarians on Habitat; instrumental in creating worldwide parliamentarians group in support of Habitat activities. (Organized a large conference of Global Parliamentarians on Habitat in Tokyo, in September 1990.)

4. Chairman of various bodies (Appointment and Promotion Board, Committee on Contracts, Property Survey Board, Reimbursable Loan Agreement Committee, Committee on Pipeline Project, etc.)

5. In addition to paragraph 3 above, a number of functions in external relations in general (with Government, municipalities, public and private institutions, etc.)

1 August 1975–31 August 1984

Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, New York

During this period, served as:

Chairman of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly (1983)

Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee (1982)

Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (1979–1983)

Duties

1. Relating basically to administrative and budgetary matters of the United Nations and United Nations organizations (1979–1984)

2. Relating to economic and social matters handled by the United Nations system, and as such, participated as the representative of the Government of Japan in numerous meetings and conferences under the auspices of the United Nations (General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, Committee for Programme and Coordination, restructuring Committee, Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, etc.) (1975–1979)

Publications

1. Urban explosion in the Third World (Iwanami Publishing Company, Tokyo, 21 September 1987)

2. *Environmental Refugees and Human Settlements* (Chuo Hoki, Tokyo, 1 August 1990)

Professional societies

1. Society for International Development

2. The Habitat Society of Japan (being established under his initiative)

3. Japan Habitat Association

4. Japan Centre for Economic Research

Annex II

Letter dated 17 November 1998 from the Acting President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12 November 1998 concerning the candidacy of Mr. Sumihiro Kuyama (Japan) for the post in the Joint Inspection Unit.

In my capacity as Acting President of the Economic and Social Council, I have reviewed the qualifications of the proposed candidate and endorse his nomination.

(Signed) Francesco Paolo **Fulci**

Annex III

Letter dated 29 January 1999 from the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 12 November 1998 regarding the proposed appointment of Mr. Sumihiro Kuyama as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit.

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, I have the pleasure to inform you that I concur, in my capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, with the appointment of Mr. Sumihiro Kuyama beginning on 1 January 2000 and ending on 31 December 2004.

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**